

7 January 1955

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Subject: Air Force Communications
Facilities.

Dear Joe:

This is in reply to your letter of 31 December 1954 on this subject. I apologize for not having followed my classified message of 21 December with a memorandum explaining in more detail the circumstances which led to our disapproval of further negotiations in

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The possibility of using Air Force communications has been considered several times and so far we have not found a convenient way of getting material from the Air Force to our headquarters in Washington without the installation of additional equipment and a complete new list of routing indicators. Furthermore, the Air Force has been reluctant to cooperate in the way [] does in the handling of our large volume of material. A final objection is somewhat bureaucratic but nonetheless real; the Office of Communications does not like to have its overall position jeopardized by independent arrangements being made by components in the field.

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We are interested to hear that the [] facilities will be opened this year and we will indeed reconsider the question of using Air Force facilities as an alternate communications channel from [] to Washington.

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Sincerely,

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